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1. Applicant's amendment, filed 3/25/09, is acknowledged.
2. In light of *In re Ochiai*, *In re Brouwer* and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b),” 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996), the method claims 39-42 that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product claims are hereby rejoined.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

4. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yang Tang on April 9, 2009.

In the Claims:

5. Claims 43-44 have been canceled.
6. In claim 39, the phrase “an analysis target and then” has been replaced with -- a biological sample and-- .
7. In claim 41 and 42, the phrase “the analysis target is a biological sample” has been replaced with -- the biological sample is --.
8. Claims 35-42 are allowed.
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maher Haddad whose telephone number is (571) 272-0845. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen B. O'Hara can be reached on (571) 272-0878. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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